

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy.

It is unfair of the  
larger Sinclair  
corporation to  
require the local  
news stations to  
broadcast a program  
the local station  
does not feel  
appropriate for the  
viewing audience.  
Sinclair feels that  
movies such as  
Fahrenheit 9-11 need  
to be answered with  
an opposing view  
point. This may be  
true, but Fahrenheit  
9-11 was NOT shown  
over the public  
airwaves as an  
unbiased documentary  
and has been shown  
with plenty of time  
for rebuttal by the  
opposing side.  
Sinclair's desire to  
show a one-sided  
point of view on  
John Kerry's war  
service two weeks  
before the election  
is blatant  
electioneering and  
should be stopped.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not

weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.